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SOURCE Veterinariya, No 4, 1947, pp 47-48.PROF. P. P. VISHNEVSKIY CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

In February 1947, Pavel Petrovich Vishnevskiy, a professor at the All-Union Institute of Experimental Veterinary Medicine (VIEV), completed his 30th year of medical, pedagogical, and scientific activity. He served one year with the Russian Army and 4 years (1918 - 1922) with the Red Army as a veterinarian during the Civil War. His last military assignment was at the Military-Veterinary Microbiological Station in Moscow.

When the State Institute of Experimental Veterinary Medicine (GIEV) was organized in February 1922, Professor D. S. Ruzhentsev appointed Vishnevskiy as assistant in the glanders division, where he worked under the direction of such great scientists as Professors S. N. Vyshellesskiy, D. S. Ruzhentsev, and N. D. Bell. This marked the beginning of his scientific activity and work in the GIEV, where he has remained for the past 25 years.

In June 1922, Vishnevskiy was transferred to the tuberculosis and glanders division of GIEV which was newly organized by Professor S. N. Vyshellesskiy. While a student of Vyshellesskiy, from 1922 to 1928 and in the famous school of veterinary infectionists, Vishnevskiy increased his knowledge and gained considerable experience through experimental work on pneumonia, hoof and mouth disease, brucellosis, anthrax, and anaerobic and other diseases which were studied there.

Vishnevskiy's chief interest was scientific research work on tuberculosis. He devoted considerable time to clinical-laboratory problems and problems dealing with tuberculin and serological diagnosis, and allergy and tuberculin from the viewpoint of the technology of their production, as well as methods of combating tuberculosis. Between 1923 and 1928, he made extensive experiments, both in the laboratory and on farms, in connection with vaccination against tuberculosis, using BCG and avirulent strains of Bovine No 3 which were cultivated in the division of GIEV. Those experiments created considerable interest among Soviet and foreign researchers. At the All-Russian Antituberculosis Conference, Vishnevskiy was elected a member of the Central Commission on BCG under the People's Commissariat of Public Health.

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In 1929, Vishnevskiy organized, and became the head of the Chair of Microbiology, Ukrainian Institute of Scientific and Practical Veterinary Medicine in Kharkov. This chair has conducted research along three divisions of microbiology: filterable viruses (epidemic pneumonia, hoof and mouth disease, swine plague), and robes, and causative factors of intestinal-typhoid diseases.

In 1932 and 1933, Vishnevskiy worked at the Moscow Scientific Research Veterinary Institute (NIVI) on the preparation of vaccines and serums to combat paratyphoid of calves. In 1935, he returned to VIEV where he took over the direction of the division on the study of diseases of cattle and young livestock. This division gave special attention to the study of paratuberculous enteritis.

Vishnevskiy is the author of more than 60 scientific works. He also is well known for his pedagogical work which he began when he was a medical student at the VIEV. At present, he is head of the Chair of Epizootology under the VIEV, which gives central courses for advanced training of veterinaries. Two doctorate and ten candidate dissertations have appeared from his laboratories.

An important phase of his work consists of doing consulting work for administrative agencies, scientific research institutions, and scientific and practical workers. He was a member of the Technical Council, People's Commissariat of Agriculture USSR, and at present is a member of the veterinary section of the All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences imeni Lenin. He has been the chairman of scientific conferences of the VIEV for many years.

In 1935, Vishnevskiy received the degree of doctor of veterinary sciences, without defending a dissertation and the title of active member of the VIEV. In 1940, this title was changed to professor of epizootology and microbiology.

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